

Dear Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in opposition to SB 16. I have been a resident of Connecticut for 20 years now and I am tired of legal firearm owners and sportsmen being penalized for the careless acts of criminals. Those who write these bills do not seem to understand the impact will only be to those who follow the law – not the criminals you are trying to target. I think implementing a task force as described in the bill is a draconian measure that will be selectively enforced against those in our minority communities. Retroactive bills (such as the engraving that would be required on existing firearms) are bound to fail - and again, be selectively enforced.

Carrying a firearm is the absolute best protection I can provide for my family and myself. Further restrictions on where & when the citizenry can carry are going to INCREASE crime, not reduce it. I train often and I am knowledgeable and proficient in the use of my weapons. In the days when we are talking about "defunding the police" and crime is on a historic increase since Covid started two years ago, I cannot believe our legislators are so out-of-touch with their base.

I hope that the legislature finds that more restrictions on legal gun owners is not the smart way to respond to an increase in crime. The people you have been elected to represent want to be safe in their persons as they go about the business of Connecticut on a daily basis. I am a professional and have the ability to move to a less gun-restrictive state if I desire. You will continue to lose your tax base if you continue to restrict our 2nd Amendment freedoms.

Thank you for your time.

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